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TAGS: PARM, CCD, PORG
SUBJECT: SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS: KENYAN CANDIDACY.

1. NAIROBI CCD AMBASSADOR ADENIJI HAS APPROACHED U.S. CCD REPRESENTATIVE (FISHER) AND ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE (FLOWERREE) IN PAST TWO DAYS TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO BLACK AFRICAN REPRESENTATION IN CD.

2. ADENIJI TOLD FLOWERREE THAT HE HAD ENCOURAGED KENYAN REPRESENTATIVE AT SSOD TO PERSUADE KENYA TO PUT FORTH ITS CANDIDACY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT KENYA HAS NO PERMANENT MISSION IN GENEVA AND THAT WITHOUT SUCH REPRESENTATION IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR KENYA TO GIVE PROPER SUPPORT TO ITS CD DELEGATION. ADENIJI SAID THAT HE WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY HAD NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION TO ESTABLISH A MISSION IN GENEVA NOR TO PROMOTE KENYA'S CANDIDACY FOR THE CD. HE SAID THAT AS OF
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NOW THE ONLY BLACK AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE RUNNING WERE SENEGAL, GHANA AND TANZANIA. THERE WAS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR SENEGAL AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE BLACK AFRICAN CAUCUS BECAUSE IT SEEMED APPARENT THAT THE SENEGALESE WOULD DO LITTLE MORE THAN TAKE THEIR PLACE AT THE TABLE. WITH RE-GARD TO GHANA, ADENIJI SAID THAT GHANA WOULD GET FAIRLY STRONG OAU BACKING, BUT HE GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE

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HIMSELF WAS LUKEWARM. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GHANA WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE NEEDED REGIONAL BALANCE IN AFRICAN REPRESENTATION. TURNING TO TANZANIA, ADENIJI SAID THAT THE TANZANIANS WERE BEGINNING TO REV UP THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIP. AS BETWEEN THE TWO POTENTIAL EAST AFRICAN CANDIDACIES - KENYA AND TANZANIA - ADENIJI INDICATED A A CLEAR PREFERENCE FOR KENYA.

3. IN A LATER CONVERSATION AT DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR FISHER ADENIJI ASKED IF THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE KENYA TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO ADVANCE ITS CANDIDACY. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THAT KENYA ENJOYED THE WIDEST SUPPORT AMONG OAU COUNTRIES AND HE HOPED A PUSH FROM THE US WOULD GIVE THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT THE INCENTIVE IT NEEDED TO WIN OAU SUPPORT. FISHER SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT THESE VIEWS TO WASHINGTON. VANDEN HEUVEL

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